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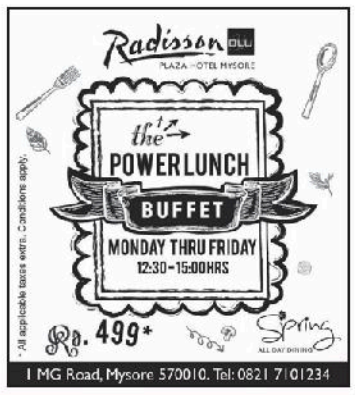


COVID spike: Minister seeks 2 lakh vaccines for Mysuru

S.T. Somashekar calls for more RT-PCR tests, vaccine drives

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (RKB,DM& BCT)- Mysuru District reported 260 COVID-19 cases yesterday, the highest this year, in the second wave that has hit Karnataka. With this, the District has reported a total of 56,524 cases so far.

In the light of increasing virus infections, Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar held a review meeting with top officials from the district at the Zilla Panchayat Hall this morning to take stock of the situation and chalk out additional measures to be taken for arresting further spread of the pandemic.

As the District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath apprised the Minister that the District needed at least five lakh vaccines, Somashekar telephoned Health Department Secretary in Bengaluru and sought two lakh vaccines for Mysuru immediately.

After discussing with the Health Secretary, the District Minister told the meeting that two lakh vaccine vials would be sent to Mysuru to meet immediate requirement.

Later speaking to reporters outside the meeting hall, Somashekar, however, said that one lakh vaccines will be made available soon.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who held a review meeting with top officials at the ZP Hall this morning, seen with (from left) City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MLA L. Nagendra, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, ZP Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and SP C.B. Ryshyanth.

Of the 56,524 persons tested positive in Mysuru so far, 54,428 persons testing positive had been discharged and yesterday 97 were discharged. There were a total of 1,061 active cases as on yesterday and the number of people who had died due to COVID-19 in Mysuru stands at 1,061 so far.

At the meeting with officials, Somashekar said that they must initiate more serious approach to contain the spread of the pandemic. He called for rapid enhancement of RT-PCR tests and a faster and a wider vaccination drive. The Minister was told that the Health Department staff was collecting about 4,000 swabs each day for testing and till April 3, a total of 10,07,338 tests had been conducted.

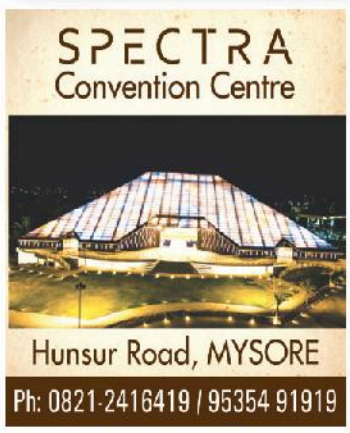
Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri said that the number of positive cases is rising consistently and the District at present had only 8,000 vials of vaccine which is hardly sufficient to vaccinate a large population.

DHO Dr. Amarnath told the Minister that there were sufficient beds in Government and Private Hospitals to meet any emergencies. A total of 150 beds are readily available, he added.

(See VACCINES on page 6)

'Karnataka gets 46 lakh vaccines till date'

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar told reporters in Bengaluru this morning that till yesterday, Karnataka has received 46 lakh vaccine doses from the Centre. He said that as there was a shortage of vaccines in Karnataka, the Centre has sent 15 lakh additional vaccines to meet immediate requirement and the vials would be distributed to the districts in the due course. Priority would be given to those districts that are witnessing an infection spike, he added.



Only 30 out of 3,373 !

Poor response from MCC staff for RT-PCR test

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (MTY&KS)- The mass RT-PCR test for Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) employees evoked poor response as only 30 out of 3,373 staff underwent the test till 12.30 pm at the MCC premises on Sayyaji Rao Road today.

The staff of all nine MCC Zones were asked to undergo test following a few staff testing positive for COVID-19 recently.

While Pourakarmikas, Revenue Inspectors, Zonal Commissioners and others were asked to undergo RT-PCR test today, Health Inspectors, Health Officers and Environmental Engineers underwent the test yesterday as they had been assigned to monitor today's testing.

Following poor turnout, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag instructed the officials concerned to contact all the staff and ask them to undergo test without fail.

In the wake of some staff testing positive for Coronavirus, the MCC building was sanitised on Saturday. Citizens visiting MCC for various works have been asked not to crowd inside and to compulsorily wear mask and maintain social distance.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 5th April 2021

City students bag VTU Ranks

Apoorva

Thanuja

Ayisha Tabassum

Supriya

Sourabha

Sumi

Surabhi

Mysuru, Apr. 5- **H.R. Apoorva**, a student of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, has secured first rank with six gold medals in the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering in 20th VTU Convocation. She is the daughter of Geetha and H.C. Ramesh.

U. Thanuja from the same college has secured fourth rank in M. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering. She is the daughter of Sudha and Umashankar.

GSSSIETW

GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has bagged 5 Ranks in VTU examinations of 2020 outgoing batch.

Ayisha Tabassum has secured 3rd rank by scoring 9.27 CGPA and **M. Supriya** has secured 6th rank by scoring 8.95 CGPA in M. Tech Digital Communication and Networking, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering.

K.M. Sourabha has secured 6th rank by scoring 8.57 CGPA, **S. Sumi** has secured 8th rank by scoring 8.52 CGPA and **M.S. Surabhi** has secured 9th rank by scoring 8.51 CGPA in BE Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We need to understand the differences between stress that can be adaptive and distress (harmful stress), the latter needing support and professional help. Both at the employer and employee levels, regular screenings for burnout need to be present. High-risk people include those with family problems, financial issues, anxious personalities, existing mental disorders (like depression, anxiety, and sleep issues) and a history of alcohol abuse. Watching out for signs of burnout need not only be in official appraisal and counselling sessions. It can happen at any place including the office cubicle next to you, over a cup of coffee, a corridor talk or during an office party. This is a collective responsibility. Psychological support for burnout can prevent people from developing depression in the long run. Workplace forms the next major area of life only second to one's home. Hence, early identification of burnout and dealing with it effectively will go a long way in creating a strong and resilient workforce at all levels. *—Dr. Vandana Shetty and Dr. Debanjan Banerjee in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Boy's 1.02-inch tooth is a world record

Canada: An Ontario boy became a Guinness World Record holder after a baby tooth pulled by his dentist measured 1.02 inches long.

Luke Boulton, 9, of Peterborough, received word from Guinness that his tooth, removed by Dr. Chris McArthur of Liftlock Family Dentistry, earned the record for the world's longest milk tooth extracted.

Boulton's family said the tooth was removed Sept. 17, 2019, when the boy was 8-years-old, but they only recently learned that their application for the world record had been accepted and they have not yet received an official certificate.

Firefighter removes 15,000 bees from car

New Mexico : A man who returned to his car in the parking lot of a New Mexico grocery store ended up needing help from firefighters when he found a swarm of 15,000 honey bees has taken up residence in the vehicle.

The Las Cruces Fire Department said the man told firefighters he had only been inside the Albertson's store in Las Cruces for about 10 minutes when he came outside to find thousands of bees flying around inside the Buick he had borrowed from a friend.

The man called 911, and firefighters who arrived at the scene summoned Jesse Johnson, 37, an off-duty firefighter with years of beekeeping experience.

Johnson said it is common for bee colonies to split in the spring, with thousands of the insects and a queen going off in search of a new home. He said the vehicle's open window likely seemed like an inviting location.

He said it took about a half-hour to remove the bees from the vehicle and transplant them into an empty hive box. He said the bees will join the four hives he keeps at his home.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Spinal Stenosis can be treated

This is caused due to spinal injuries, bone overgrowth and herniated discs. Risk factors include: aging, congenital spinal deformity and genetic influence. It can be prevented with regular exercise, maintaining good posture and weight management.

Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A.R. *- Consultant Neuro Surgery*

COLUMBIA ASIA

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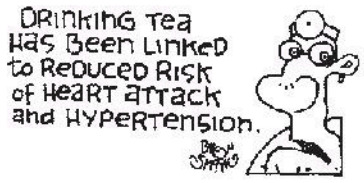

A decade-long study involving hundreds of thousands of people revealed that the higher the consumption of green tea, the lower the risk of dying from any cause by as much as 76%. This all-cause mortality benefit was especially pronounced among the older population.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.3	APR.4
Day's Positive Cases	171	260
Total Positive Cases	56,264	56,524
Day's Discharges	146	97
Total Discharges	54,331	54,428
Day's Deaths	6	0
Total Deaths	1,061	1,061
Total Active Cases	872	1,035

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Sainik Schools Entrance Exam written test results announced

Mysuru, Apr. 5- Initial Call List of All India Sainik Schools Entrance Exam 2021 held in Feb. 2021 for admission to Sainik Schools is published on the respective Sainik School website.

Initial Call List comprises class-wise, gender-wise, category-wise roll numbers of candidates in sequence, in the ratio of 3 candidates for every vacancy, who are required to undergo Medical Exam.

For further details, visit the respective Sainik School websites.

Final Merit List will be published in May 2021 (tentative) by respective Sainik Schools after completion of Medical Examination of the shortlisted candidates.

REALLY...?

- ***The world's longest mountain chain is underwater: Earth's longest chain of mountains, the Mid-Ocean Ridge, is almost entirely beneath the ocean, stretching across a distance of 65,000 kilometres. It's said that this mountain chain is less explored than the surface of Venus or Mars.***
- ***Around 1,000 shipwrecks lie off the Florida Keys alone, some of which are within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Other underwater museums have been created in recent years, including the Mediterranean's submerged bronze statue, Christ of the Abyss.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tim is driving the car at hectic speed...

Father*: Why are you driving so fast?*

Tim: *Brake is gone. Must reach home before any accident occurs!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 73.34**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 101.40**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 19.97**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 86.23**

VOICE OF THE READER

Streamline garbage collection in Bannimantap 'A' Layout

Sir,

I would like to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned the sad state of door-to-door garbage collection in Bannimantap 'A' Layout.

The garbage collection vehicle does not come regularly and residents wait in anticipation with waste at their doorsteps for the entire day and sometimes for 2-3 days.

All calls made to the area in-charge from MCC have a lukewarm response and this has been going on for the last two years with no end result.

Irregular collection of garbage leaves the residents with no choice but to dump it in open yards in the area, leading to scattering and littering of domestic garbage by stray animals in the area.

This is causing a lot of nuisance and desperation to the residents. Will somebody in MCC hear our pleas and take action?

— A pained tax-payer
Bannimantap 'A' Layout
21.3.2021

No fresh registration of health workers for vaccination

New Delhi, Apr. 5 (UNI) - No fresh registrations for COVID vaccination will be allowed for healthcare and frontline workers, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has said.

In a letter dated Apr. 3, Bhushan wrote to all State Chief Secretaries informing them that the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry had received inputs that some vaccination centres were violating guidelines.

"Various inputs have been received from different sources that in some of the vaccination centres, some ineligible beneficiaries are being registered as HCWs and FLWs and are getting vaccinated in complete violation of the prescribed guidelines. There has been 24 percent increase in HCW database in the past few days," he wrote.

"This issue was discussed with State representatives and domain knowledge experts in the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) meeting on Apr. 3 and as per the recommendation of NEGVAC it has been decided that no fresh registrations in categories of HCW and FLW will be allowed with immediate effect," Bhushan wrote.

He added that registrations of persons aged 45 years and above will continue to be permitted on the CoWIN portal. Bhushan in his letter mentioned that even though the Government had fixed a deadline of Feb. 25 for HCWs and Mar. 6 for FLWs to be registered for the vaccination, in effect registrations had never stopped.

"All efforts have been made in close collaboration with States and UTs to saturate vaccination of HCWs and FLWs. While tracking the progress, the timeline for completing vaccination of all HCWs and FLWs with the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine has been extended multiple times and was finally fixed as Feb.25 for HCWs and Mar. 6 for FLWs. Around one month has elapsed since these timelines and even after starting vaccination of population above 60 years of age, provision was made to register and vaccinate HCWs and FLWs with a view to ensure optimal coverage," he wrote.

Valedictory of 10-day workshop tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 5- The valedictory of "Intertwine Interdisciplinary Methodology to Strengthen Fundamentals of English Language," a 10-day workshop organised to commemorate the 50th Death Anniversary of M. Ramarao, who taught in the Department of English, MGM, and later became the Chief Editor of English Kannada Dictionary of the University of Mysore, will be held on Apr. 6 at 5.30 pm.

Children's Literary Club organised the workshop at Chamundi Children's Home, Mysuru and no fee was charged. (M. Ramarao is the father of Dr. R. Purnima, Director of Children's Literary Club).

The target group comprised children whose parents are either dead, or children of down and outsingle parents. Besides organising an exhibition of books authored by Ramarao, and reading stories for children by Ramarao, these children, whose medium of instruction is Kannada, were encouraged to learn the right English language skills, through Titleist English Language Teaching Method.

Acting and access to General Knowledge using English language were some of the other components of the workshop.

Union Health Minister approves National Policy for Rare Diseases

New Delhi, Apr. 5 (UNI)- Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has approved 'National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021' which will reduce the high cost of treatment for rare diseases and also increase focus on domestic research.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan

The field of rare diseases is very complex and the prevention and management of the disease have multiple challenges. Early diagnosis is mainly a major challenge because of lack of awareness among physicians, lack of diagnostic facilities and adequate screening.

There are also fundamental challenges in the research and development of rare diseases as little is known about the history of these diseases. They are difficult to research upon as the patient pool is extremely small and there is an inadequate clinical experience.

The Union Health Ministry has informed that financial support of up to Rs. 20 lakh under the Rashtriya Aarogya Nidhi Scheme has been proposed for the treatment of those rare diseases that require only one-time treatment.

Beneficiaries for such financial assistance will not be limited only to BPL families but the benefit will also be extended to about 40 percent of the population, who are eligible under the Government's Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana.

As the cost of treatment of rare diseases is prohibitively expensive, various High Courts and Supreme Court earlier had expressed concern about the lack of a National Policy for Rare Diseases in the country. The latest policy aims at lowering the high cost of treatment for rare diseases. It will also increase focus on indigenous research of the diseases.

It will be done with the help of the National Consortium which will be set up under the Health Research Department, Health Ministry as Convenor. Increased focus on research and development, as well as local production of medicine, will also lower the cost of treatment for rare diseases.

The policy envisions the creation of a National Hospital-based Registry of Rare Diseases so that there is an availability of adequate data of rare diseases for their research and development. The policy will focus on the early screening and prevention of rare diseases through primary and secondary healthcare infrastructure and through counselling of high-risk patients. It will also strengthen tertiary health care facilities. The Policy will promote a crowd funding mechanism in which individuals and corporates will be encouraged to extend financial support through the IT platform for the treatment.

Water documentary by city teen wins global acclaim

Selected for UN Ocean Decade Summit at Hawaii

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (BCT)- Fourteen-year-old girl Manavattira K. Yashmi Dechamma from Nelaji village in Kodagu, presently studying in ninth standard at Acharya Vidya Kula in city, has been chosen for the UN Ocean Decade Summit scheduled to be held in Hawaii soon.

She bagged the opportunity following her documentary on the topic 'Water is sacred' which won the H2021 Water Summit Storytelling Contest. The event was conducted for the age group of 13 to 17 years. Yashmi is the daughter of Manavattira Kushalappa and Nalini.

She was introduced to the UN Ocean Decade Summit at her school and decided to take part in it. Concerned about the environment at a very young age, it was a good opportunity for Yashmi to present her views as she already had a good knowledge about climate change, water scarcity, global warming and other topics.

She also gained knowledge from global speakers how climate change was affecting the earth and how the planet is facing further destruction. "The virtual UN Ocean Decade Summit gave me clarity on the issue and enabled me to present my ideas in a better way," she said.

The virtual sessions conducted by 'H2021 Water Summit' were based on a particular theme and that the theme 'Water is Sacred' was close to her heart as she hailed from Kodagu and the Kodava community worships River Cauvery. Yashmi attended four sequential weekends of simulated sessions and heard about the storytelling competition and decided to take part.

M.K. Yashmi

The 'H2O21 Water Summit' will connect, educate, empower, and inspire youth leaders while engaging them in critical messaging for the world today. Youth from around the world will dive deeply into water at a pivotal time for the next generation's future.

"My mother used to tell me about how Cauvery is sacred for my community and hailing from the beautiful land of Kodagu gave me the inspiration to make the documentary. Also, in childhood, we used to enjoy rain and sadly now, rainfall, landslides and floods are causing destruction in this beautiful land," she said.

Her documentary contains the scenic beauty of River Cauvery and a Kodava song plays in the background. Yashmi shot the video with the support of her cousin Bhuvana Nanaiah and her father Nanaiah. The documentary narrates how the River is polluted today and how the entire lifeline along the course of the River is affected. Notably, her documentary highlights the efforts of green-conscious youngsters to save the river from further destruction.

Yashmi's documentary ends with a powerful message of healing the River. "We are already in peril and the earth has to be safeguarded for future generations. We also need pure oxygen and pure water that helped our ancestors survive and lead a healthy life. I have attempted to highlight the plight of River Cauvery that is a lifeline of South India and if we don't protect the River now, we can't even think of survival," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Public auction

District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, under the direction of the State Consumer Forum, will be auctioning its furniture not in use at its office premises on Apr. 20 at 11 am. Interested may participate in the bidding by depositing Rs. 1,000 in advance, which will be returned to the depositors (except for final bidder) on completion of bidding, according to a press release from District Consumer Forum Administrative Officer.

Athlete wins gold

City-based athlete, Faraz Ali, recently won a gold medal in the Light Weight (Under 72-kg) category of the Golden Mongkhon Pro-Am Muay Thai Championship-2021 held on Mar. 27 and 28 in Bengaluru. Faraz Ali is seen with his coach Samith Bhat of Genesis Mixed Martial Arts in Mysuru.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in 'Vidyunmana Shasthra' (Electronics) to Rekha Phadke for her thesis 'Development of Algorithms Glucose Kinetics in Closed Loop System' [Guide: Dr. H.C. Nagaraj].

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	100.31 feet
Saturday	:	100.43 feet
Inflow	:	82 cusecs
Outflow	:	458 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,263.90 feet
Inflow	:	104 cusecs
Outflow	:	725 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.40 feet
Inflow	:	37 cusecs
Outflow	:	180 cusecs

Congress Legislators lash out at BSY for not sanctioning any funds

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (RKB&DM)- Accusing the B.S. Yediyurappa-headed BJP Government of totally disregarding Opposition Legislators, especially those from the Congress, in the allotment of funds for development of Assembly segments, Congress Legislators from Mysuru district have warned of staging massive demonstrations if the discrimination continued.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath asserted that the BJP Government in the State had turned into a family Government run by the family members of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Alleging that the BJP Government had not sanctioned a single rupee for Hunsur Assembly segment, which he represents, Manjunath maintained that Hunsur saw a Golden era when the Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government was in power, with Siddharamiah sanctioning hundreds of crores of rupees for development works.

"The BJP Government has not sanctioned any money for Hunsur. It has also taken back the funds allotted by the previous JD(S)-Congress Collation Government, which is a grave injustice for the people of Hunsur.Though I have written innumerable number of times to the CM, Cabinet Ministers and other officials seeking funds for taking up urgent development works, nothing has been fruitful so far," he said.

MLA H.P. Manjunath addressing a press meet in city yesterday as MLC R. Dharmasena, MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar look on.

Charging Yediyurappa of indulging in family politics, Manjunath, displaying documents as 'proof' of the CM's nepotism and favouritism, cited an example where the CM sanctioned Rs. 3 crore for construction of a retaining wall for Daityanakere in Hunsur taluk, along which lake the farm of his (CM's) nephew is located, while his (Manjunath) repeated pleas for sanction of funds for development of Kattemalalawadi lake has fallen on deaf ears.

Terming Yediyurappa as a dummy CM, who acts as a rubber stamp of family members, the Hunsur Congress MLA contended that this attitude of the CM had forced several of his Cabinet Ministers to revolt, with Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister K.S. Eshwarappa taking the lead.

Calling BSY's administration as 'Tughlaq Durbar,' he urged the Government to at least save its face by not taking back funds sanctioned by the previous Coalition Government. He warned of legal action against the officials and the Government if the discrimination against Congress Legislators continued.

Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah alleged that the BSY Government had stalled release of Rs. 8 crore funds that was sanctioned by the previous Coalition Government for development works.

Charging the CM of doing everything as per the diktat of his (BSY) son B.Y. Vijayendra, he alleged that the CM had sanctioned Rs. 42 crore for unwanted works in Varuna Constituency at the behest of Vijayendra.

Urging the Government to finish the works on the construction of 3,000 houses for the shelterless in Varuna Assembly segment, Dr. Yathindra said that the beneficiaries have no way to go other than taking extreme steps, if the houses were not completed and allotted to them. He also charged the BSY Government of not releasing any MLA Local area funds for the past two years.

Maintaining that the BSY Government was high in corruption and low in administration, he alleged that the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) is completely controlled by Vijayendra.

Other Congress Leaders, who addressed the press meet, went hammer and tongs at the Yediyurappa Government, alleging that it was deeply mired in corruption and had little care and concerns for the people.

MLA R. Dharmasena, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, leader Basavaraj and others were present.

Cong. offices in all four Assembly segments

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (DM)- Varuna Congress MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, who is Mysuru District in-Charge of the party's landed properties and other assets, has directed the party functionaries to have separate offices for all four Assembly segments of the city, including Chamundeshwari constituency.

Addressing party office-bearers and other top leaders of the district at a private hotel here on Saturday, Dr. Yathindra directed the party leaders to take out a building for rent or lease in all the four Assembly segments by the end of this month.

Pointing out that barring Hunsur Assembly segment, the Congress does not have an office of its own in rest of the other Assembly segments in the district, Dr. Yathindra said that, however, the party is functioning from rented premises in some parts of the district.

Noting that there is no party office in Varuna, T. Narasipur, Chamundeshwari and K.R. Nagar Assembly segments, he said that in Nanjangud, the Congress is functioning from a room let out by a party leader. He instructed the party leaders to source suitable places for locating the party offices in all Assembly segments of the district by Apr. 30.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar said that the KPCC will provide Rs. 10 lakh for the construction of the building wherever the party owns land. The rest of the funds required for the construction will be collected from party workers and leaders, he said and added that having a spacious party office will help for having a better connectivity with people.

He also called upon the party workers to gear up for the upcoming Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Taluk Panchayat (TP) polls as it is crucial for the Assembly polls to take place in two years.

MLAs H.P. Manjunath and Anil Chikkamadu, MLC R. Dharmasena, leaders K. Marigowda, Kalale Keshavamurthy, Basavaraju and others were present.

Mysuru Zilla Panchayat strength goes up to 53

Mysuru, Apr. 5- Following the delimitation exercise, the number of seats in Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has gone up from 46 to 53. Following the revision in the number of seats, the authorities have specified the ZP seats, which are as follows:

Mysuru taluk - 7
(previously 10)

Yelwal, Dhanagalli (Mallahalli- Beerihundi), Marballi (Jayapura), Udbur (Kadakola), Belavatta (Siddalingapura), Vajamangala (Varuna) and Harohalli (Mellahalli).

Nanjangud - 10
(previously 9)

Hediyala (Hura), Hullahalli, Heggadahalli, Kalale, Hedathale (Badanavalu), Nerale (Dodda Kavalande), Devanur, Thagadur, Hadinaru and Thandavapura.

Hunsur - 7
(previously 6)

Kattemalalawadi (Gavadagere), Bannikuppe, Bilikere, Dharmapura, Udbur Kaval, Hanagodu and Chilkunda.

T. Narasipur - 7
(previously 8)

B. Seehalli (Turaganur), Somanathapura, Sosale, Kaliyur, Talakad, Muguru and Gargeshwari.

Periyapatna - 7
(previously 6)

Kanagalu (Halaganahalli), Bettadapura, Makodu (Ravandur), Hitnehebbagilu, Kampalapura, Channakal Kaval (Koppa) and Alanahalli (Hunasawadi).

H.D. Kote - 5
(previously 6)

Hirehalli (Annur), Hebbalaguppe, Hommaragalli, Kyatanahalli and Antarasanthe.

K.R. Nagar - 3
(previously 6)

Hampapura, Thippur & Hebbalu.

Saragur (Carved out of H.D. Kote) - 3

K. Belathur, Mullur & Bidarahalli.

Saligrama (Carved out of K.R. Nagar) - 4

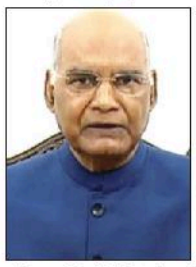
Saligrama (Mirle), Bherya, Haliyur (Hosur) & Haradanahalli.

Denial of Central Civil Family Pension to 85-year-old widow of World War-II veteran

Rashtrapathi Bhavan writes to Revenue Dept. Secretary

Acknowledges Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust's letter

Mysuru, Apr. 5 - Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust's letter seeking intervention of President of India Ram Nath Kovind, towards the denial of Central Civil Family Pension for 20-long-years to 85-year-old Kaveriamma alias Rani Aiyappa, widow of World War-II veteran, JC-19016 Ballachanda N. Aiyappa, by Pay Accounts Office (PAO) of Central Tax & GST Bengaluru, has been forwarded to the Secretary, Department of Revenue, Government of India.



Ram Nath Kovind

File photo of Kaveriamma, widow of World War-II Veteran, with VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust President M.N. Subramani.

The President's Secretariat, Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi, has acknowledged the receipt of VeKare Trust's letter dated Feb. 2, 2021, addressed to the President, who is also the Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces, seeking appropriate attention to the petition.

It has also asked the Revenue Department Secretary to communicate the action taken on the petition to the petitioner directly.

Besides, the Rashtrapathi Bhavan has sent a copy of the letter written to the Revenue Department (dated Feb. 19, 2021) to Trust President Mandetira N. Subramani, who has taken up the cause of the war widow, requesting him to liaise with the aforementioned Secretary directly for further information in the matter.

Meanwhile, the Army Adjutant General's Branch has also intervened in the matter and advised the Trust to approach higher echelon of Central Excise and Customs Department for their intervention to change the name of the lady in service records held with them in consonance with Aadhaar and PAN Cards for early grant of second family pension.

It may be recalled that *SOM* had published a news item in this regard titled "Denial of Central Civil Family Pension for 20 years to 85-year-old widow of World War-II veteran" in its issue dated Feb. 4, 2021.

Former Corporator

Sathyanarayana passes away

Mysuru, Apr. 5- M.S. Sathyanarayana (Sathyappa), former Corporator and a resident of Ittigegud, passed away yesterday morning following a heart attack. He was 82.

Sathyanarayana

He leaves behind his wife Brahmarambha, daughters M.S. Archana, an IAS Officer and Pavana, son M.S. Deepak, a software engineer and a host of relatives and friends.

An athlete in his college days, Sathyappa was also a champion swimmer. He was a Corporator in 1983 and was serving as the Vice-President of City Congress unit at present. He was also a senior member of Cosmopolitan Club. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Youth kills mother for refusing to give money

T. Narasipur, Apr. 5 (SK&KS)- A 26-year-old youth allegedly killed his mother for refusing to give him money for liquor.

Shantharaju

The incident took place at Kura Balanahundi village in Talakad hobli on Saturday.

While the deceased has been identified as Gowramma (55), wife of Jogi Ramegowda, the accused is Shantharaju, a speech impaired youth.

On Saturday, Shantharaju, who is allegedly addicted to liquor, pestered his mother Gowramma to give him money to buy liquor. When Gowramma refused to give him money, Shantharaju, in a fit of rage, picked up a wooden plank and hit his mother and later bludgeoned her to death, according to Talakad Police, who have arrested Shantharaju besides registering a case.

Entry of devotees restricted at M.M. Hills from Apr.10 to 13

Hanur, Apr. 5 (Somu&DM)- With the threat of second wave of COVID-19 pandemic looming large, the M.M. Hills Temple Development Authority has restricted the entry of devotees to the M.M. Hills Temple for the upcoming Ugadi festival *Jatra*, scheduled to take place from Apr. 10 to 13.

As a precautionary measure to control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the Authority has barred devotees f rom visiting M.M. Hills for four days from Apr. 10 to 13. The Authority has also decided to conduct the *Jatra* in a simple and symbolic manner on account of COVID-19 crisis.

The *Jatra* will take place only in the presence of the temple priests, staff, a few local devotees , people representatives and officials on duty.

Based on an appeal by the Authority Secretary Jayavibhavaswamy, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi has issued the order barring entry of devotees to M.M. Hills for the four-day Ugadi *Jatra*.

Two go missing from city, Nanjangud

Mysuru/Nanjangud, Apr. 5 (KS)- In separate incidents, a woman and a girl have gone missing from Udayagiri and Hullahalli Police limits respectively.

In the first incident, a 39-year-old woman, who left her house on Mar. 15 at about 4.30 pm, has since gone missing.

The missing woman is Farzana, wife of Mohammed Ameer, a resident of Rajivnagar 1st Stage in city.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Farzana

Anusha

In the second case, a 19-year-old girl, who left her house on Apr. 1 at about 6 am, has since gone missing.

The missing girl is Anusha, daughter of Somanna, a resident of Karya village in Nanjangud taluk.

Those having information about the missing girl may contact Hullahalli Police Station on Ph: 08221-220111, according to a press release.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Man dies after falling from second floor

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (YDS&KS)- A man, who was reportedly drunk, died after slipping and falling from the second floor of the house at Medarakeri here on Saturday night.

The deceased is K.V. Ravikumar (30), a fruit merchant. Ravikumar, who was allegedly addicted to liquor, used to come home drunk and on Saturday too, he had come drunk and went to the second floor of the house at about 11.30 pm for a smoke, where he slipped and fell to the ground.

K.R. Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (KS)- In separate cases, the Mysuru Railway Police and Devaraja Police, have found bodies of unidentified persons in their respective jurisdictions.

In the first case, the Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified man aged about 35 years near the Railway over bridge on Platform No. 3 of Mandya Railway Station and have shifted the body to the mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is 5.6 ft. tall, dark complexioned, normal built, oval faced, sports beard and moustache and was wearing a light blue colour full arm shirt and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

In the second incident, Devaraja Police have found a body of an unidentified man aged between 35 and 40 years near the steps of the first floor of Visvesvaraya Building in K.R. Circle.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Devaraja Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418306 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Floral tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram

District Minister S.T. Somashekar offering floral tributes to the statue of Babu Jagjivan Ram at City Railway Station Circle to mark the 114th birth anniversary of the former Deputy PM at a programme organised by the District Administration this morning. MLA L. Nagendra, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna and others were present. Picture right shows MP Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah showering flower petals on the portrait of Babu Jagjivan Ram at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri, this morning as Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Visiting Faculty Prof. C. Ramaswamy, SC/ST Special Cell Deputy Registrar Dr. S. Mahadeva Murthy and others look on.

Minister seeks 2 lakh vaccines

(Continued from page 1)

Explaining the measures taken for controlling the virus spread, DC Rohini Sindhuri said that the Administration has banned all fairs and festivals in April. She noted that the rising cases were mainly due to laxity among the people who are careless about following COVID-19 guidelines.

Observing that a total ban on traditional fairs and festivals would make the people angry, Minister Somashekar asked the DC to consider the possibility of allowing important fairs by limiting the participation to below 50 persons while also ensuring appropriate COVID-19 behaviour.

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj sought severe restrictions on the number of guests in marriage halls and other indoor functions and programmes and as well as in markets and malls. Pointing out that the MCC was conducting RT-PCR test for its staff from today, he sought a couple of more ambulances for the MCC to meet emergencies.

Highlighting the measures taken by the MCC for widespread testing, Dr. Nagaraj told the Minister that Mobile Testing Squads are positioned at places of large public gatherings.

MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, ZP President Parimala Shyam, Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar, ZP CEO A.M. Yogeesh, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and other officials were present.

'Shop-keepers who flout plastic ban order to lose Trade Licence'

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (MTY&KS)- MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that as per instructions from Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, the enforcement of plastic ban in the city has been implemented from today.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said that as most MCC staff and officials have been asked to undergo RT-PCR test and a few attending the meeting chaired by District Minister S.T. Somashekar, raids and distribution of cloth bags could not be taken up today and added that the same will be held from tomorrow.

Dr. Nagaraj said that Pourakarmikas, Health Inspectors and other MCC staff created an awareness about the strict enforcement of plastic ban among shop-keepers at Devaraja Market, Santhepet, Shivarampet, Devaraja Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road and other places this morning.

Dr. D.G. Nagaraj

He further said that the shop-keepers have been asked to follow the rules failing which fines would be collected from them. They have also been warned of cancellation of their Trade Licences if they are found violating the plastic ban order, he added.

'Dr. Jagjivan Ram was a frontline Dalit leader in freedom movement'

Rajya Sabha MP Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah inaugurates two-day workshop at UoM

Mysuru, Apr.5 (PM&DM) - Asserting that Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram was a frontline Dalit leader in India's freedom movement, Rajya Sabha MP Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah said that the iconic Dalit leader is also one of the main architects of modern India.

He was speaking after inaugurating a two-day workshop on " Research Studies on Jagjivan Ram" and "Research Activities in Language and Social Sciences", organised jointly by University of Mysore's (UoM) Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies, Research and Extension Centre and UoM SC/ST Special Cell, at the Centre premises in Manasagangothri here this morning, marking Dr. Jagjivan Ram's 114th birth anniversary.

Noting that though many Universities of the country have Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Dr. Jagjivan Ram Study Chairs, Dr. Hanumanthaiah regretted that most of them have either become inactive or under-functioning.

Stressing on the need for maintaining a perfect co-ordination between the Study Chairs in all Universities, he said that such a co-ordination will largely help in organising creative activities that will help in elimination of social evils and maladies.

Bemoaning that the inhuman practice of manual scavenging is still prevalent in the country at a time when the country is preparing for celebrating the 75th year of Independence, the RS MP said that many civic workers have lost their lives due to this malaise.

Wondering why technology is not being used for ending the manual scavenging practice, he urged the Government for stricter implementation of the law that prohibits manual scavenging.

Pointing out that 80 percent of the country is literate, Dr. Hanumanthaiah said that, however, most of the remaining 20 percent who are illiterate belong to Dalit and Tribal communities.

Calling for more measures for economic empowerment of Dalit and all other marginalised sections of society, he said that Dr.Ambedkar and Dr.Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanthis must be used as a motivational force to end social evils, injustice and indiscrimination.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Studies Centre Director Prof. K. Sadashiva, Visiting Faculty Prof. C. Ramaswamy, SC/ST Special Cell Deputy Registrar Dr. S. Mahadeva Murthy and others were present.

The two-day event, which concludes tomorrow, features a number of sessions, seminars and lectures, with talks by subject experts.

Gyms allowed to function with 50 percent capacity

Bengaluru, Apr. 5 (DM)- A day after Karnataka Gym and Fitness Owners Association strongly opposed the Government's decision to close down gyms and fitness centres across the State in view of rising COVID-19 cases, the Government on Sunday reviewed its order and allowed functioning of gyms with 50 percent capacity with effect from today (Apr.5).

The Government on Sunday issued new guidelines for the functioning of gyms with a set of conditions. According to the fresh guidelines, gyms and fitness centres can allow 50 percent of their customers, while also ensuring that COVID-19 safety and precautionary measures such as wearing of face mask, following of physical distancing and maintenance of hand hygiene are in place.

The order, while asking the gym owners to ensure appropriate COVID-19 behaviour among their customers, has warned that gyms will be asked to shut down if there is any violation of COVID-19 SOPs.

Obituary

M.R. Abdul Waheed

Mysuru, Apr. 5- M.R. Abdul Waheed (68), son of late Haji Mohammed Peer and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away this morning in city. A Palace Contractor and proprietor of Haji Mohammed & Sons Fabrication Works on C.V. Road in Bannimantap, he leaves behind four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at Idgah Masjid at 6.30 pm today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Safari, camera fee hike

at Bandipur, Nagarahole draws flak

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department's move to hike the safari and camera fee at Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves has drawn flak from wildlife-lovers who termed the increase as fleecing by the Department.

"Safaris now can be accessed only by the rich and professional cameramen who can afford the fee but an opportunity to common man to enjoy wildlife in their natural habitat has been denied," they said, taking to social media to vent their ire.

The new hike has come into effect from Apr. 1 and is applicable at all National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves. But entry tickets and camera fee vary from one National Park to another. The rent for accommodation too has been revised by Rs. 500 per cottage.

The entry fee and safari for Nagarahole Tiger Reserve from Antharasanthe, Nanachi Gate and Kabini Backwaters has been revised from Rs. 250 to Rs. 300 for Indians while children below 12 years and students will pay Rs. 150. The rate has been lowered from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 500 for foreigners. This apart, individuals have to pay Rs. 300 for a 90-minute safari in the Department bus and children below 12 years of age and students will have to pay Rs. 150. Students have to possess ID cards and permission letter from the head of the institution. The safari fee for foreigners has been fixed at Rs. 500.

A steep hike

For safari-goers in vehicles owned by Jungle Lodges and Resorts at Nagarahole will cost between Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 3,500 depending on the category of vehicles.

The fee for cameras with interchangeable lenses has been hiked from Rs. 200 to Rs. 250 per unit and this is per trip. For lenses with a zoom ranging from 70 mm to 200 mm, an additional Rs. 750 has to be paid per unit per trip while for use of lens beyond 500 mm, the fee is Rs. 1,500 per unit per trip.

At Bandipur Tiger Reserve, an entry fee of Rs. 300 per person has been fixed and a safari in the Department vehicle for 90 minutes will cost an additional Rs. 300. A safari in the Department jeep will cost Rs. 3,500 per vehicle for Indians and Rs. 5,000 per vehicle for foreigners. A safari in 9-seater vehicle will cost Rs. 5,000 for Indians and Rs. 7,000 for foreigners.

Here too, the camera fee has been increased and a camera with interchangeable lens with a zoom range of 70 mm to 200 mm will cost Rs. 150 per trip and use of lens above 200 mm will cost Rs. 750 per trip. In addition, there is a separate slab under 'Professional Photography Charges' for use of cameras above 200 mm lens and video or handy-cam which will cost Rs. 1,500 per trip.

Officers justify hike

Justifying the increase in safari, entry and camera fee, Bandipur Project Tiger Director **S.R. Natesha** said that the new rates have been implemented four years ago. "Rising fuel costs, salaries of employees, employment of daily wage workers for conservation efforts have contributed to the costs and we have got orders from the higher authorities," he said.

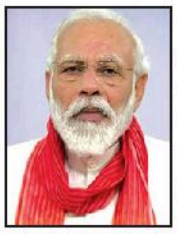
S.R. Natesha

Mahesh Kumar

Nagarahole Project Tiger Director **Mahesh Kumar** said that there has been an increase in the number of commercial photographers frequenting the Tiger Reserves and as such, it is necessary to regulate it with a fee hike.

While Forest Officials have defended the decision saying it will restrict footfall, safari-lovers say that the Department was reaping profits in the name of safaris and a common man cannot afford it.

'Jan Bhagidari', five-fold strategy needed now: PM



Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Apr. 5 (UNI)- With India witnessing a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proposed a greater emphasis on 'Jan Bhagidari' and 'Jan Andolan' (people's participation and mass movement) to break the chain of transmission.

Chairing a high-level meeting on Sunday to review the COVID-19 situation and vaccination exercise in the country, PM Modi stressed on the need to return to 'mission mode' in States and districts reporting high cases so that the gains of virus management in the country in the last 15 months were not squandered.

"The Prime Minister directed that for sustainable COVID-19 management, awareness of the community and its involvement is paramount and there is a need to continue *Jan Bhagidari* and *Jan Andolan* for COVID-19 management," a press release by the Prime Minister's Office stated.

The meeting came on a day India recorded a daily spike of more than 1 lakh COVID-19 infections, the highest rise in cases since the pandemic began last year.

PM Modi also said that the five-fold strategy of testing, tracing, treatment, COVID-appropriate behaviour and vaccination should be implemented with utmost seriousness and commitment.

Special campaign for COVID-appropriate behaviour from tomorrow

The Prime Minister was informed that 10 States/ UTs accounted for 91.4 percent of total daily cases and 90.9 percent of daily fatalities in the country. The reasons for the sharp rise in cases could be mainly attributed to the severe decline in compliance of COVID-appropriate behaviour, especially in the use of masks and social distancing, pandemic fatigue and lack of effective implementation of containment measures at the field level, the statement said.

It was also decided in the meeting that a 'special campaign for COVID-appropriate behaviour', with emphasis on 100 percent mask usage, personal hygiene and sanitation at public places, workplaces and health facilities would be organised from April 6 to 14. PM Modi also asked the officials to ensure the availability of beds, testing facilities and timely hospitalisation.

In the meeting, PM Modi directed that Central teams, consisting of public health specialists, be sent to Maharashtra, Punjab and Chhattisgarh, where the COVID-19 situation was of serious concern. He also took stock of the inoculation drive and the research and development of vaccines in the meeting.

BJP Foundation Day

PM to hold video-conference with party workers tomorrow

Bengaluru, Apr. 5- Marking the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Foundation Day tomorrow (Apr. 6), Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP National President J.P. Nadda will hold a video-conference with party workers tomorrow, according to BJP National Secretary Arun Singh, who is also Karnataka BJP in-charge.

The programme will be telecast live via following links:

- ***www.bjplive.org***
- ***twitter.com/BJP4India***
- ***facebook.com/BJP4India***
- ***youtube.com/BJP4India***
- ***www.bjp.org***

Arun Singh has asked Party office-bearers, leaders and workers to attend in large numbers.

Meanwhile, as part of the party's Foundation Day, the BJP State Committee will be organising several purposeful programmes across the State such as creating awareness on complete ban on single-use plastics, felicitation to senior citizens and honouring of talented students and achievers.

Chamundi Hill shopping outlets works hit by fund crunch

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha meets Muzrai Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (BCT)- The works of constructing shopping outlets atop Chamundi Hill has been stalled due to paucity of funds.

Shopping outlets were constructed on the side of the road leading to the Chamundeshwari Temple but they obstructed the smooth movement of people to the Temple and as such, the outlets were later shifted to multi-level parking lot and now fund crunch has hit the project.

Taking the issue to Muzrai Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari, who is touring in Kodagu today, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha urged the Minister to release the Rs. 4 crore required for the construction of the shopping outlets.

Responding positively to the MP's request, Poojari assured Pratap Simha that he would call a meeting of his Department officers on Apr. 9 and would approve the release of funds.

Pratap Simha briefed the Minister that in order to bring in a systematic development and to regularise the haphazard shopping outlets atop the Hill, 197 outlets were being constructed. Of them, 137 are meant for shopping, 25 sections for food court and 36 outlet spaces have been earmarked for toilets.

He said that a proposal has been sent to the Muzrai Department for the sanction of Rs. 4 crore and urged the Minister to release funds immediately so that devotees are not inconvenienced, especially during auspicious occasions.

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No leave for Fire Department staff till summer ends

Ready 24x7 to meet any emergency

Mysuru, Apr. 5 (YDS&SSV)- Anticipating rise in fire cases during summer season, Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services has stopped sanctioning leave to its staff members, including long leave.

The personnel of Fire Department are ready round-the-clock to deal with any fire incident which occurs more during summer. Hundreds of acres of ground plants, trees, forests and grazing ground caught fire in summer. The fire spreads fast due to dry leaves and strong breeze. This will cause problem for the personnel to extinguish the fire.

To create awareness among people on DOs and DON'Ts during summer season, the Department has planned 'Fire Department Week' from Apr. 14 to Apr. 20. During this period, demonstration on fire-fighting exercises will be held in schools/ colleges, hospital, apartments and crowded place.

H. Raju, District Fire Officer, said, each Fire Station receives at least two fire calls daily. There are four Fire Stations in Mysuru city and one each in taluks. The staff is always ready to attend any contingencies. The Mysuru Unit did not have the shortage of staff or equipment.

Discipline is very important. Staff members will mount the vehicle within 30 seconds of receiving the fire call. This will help to reach the spot fast to avert the major mishap. On some occasions, a few staff members do not come in time even after pressing the fire call bell. Such members will be warned. In case of repetition of mistake, they will be suspended.

—H. Raju, District Fire Officer

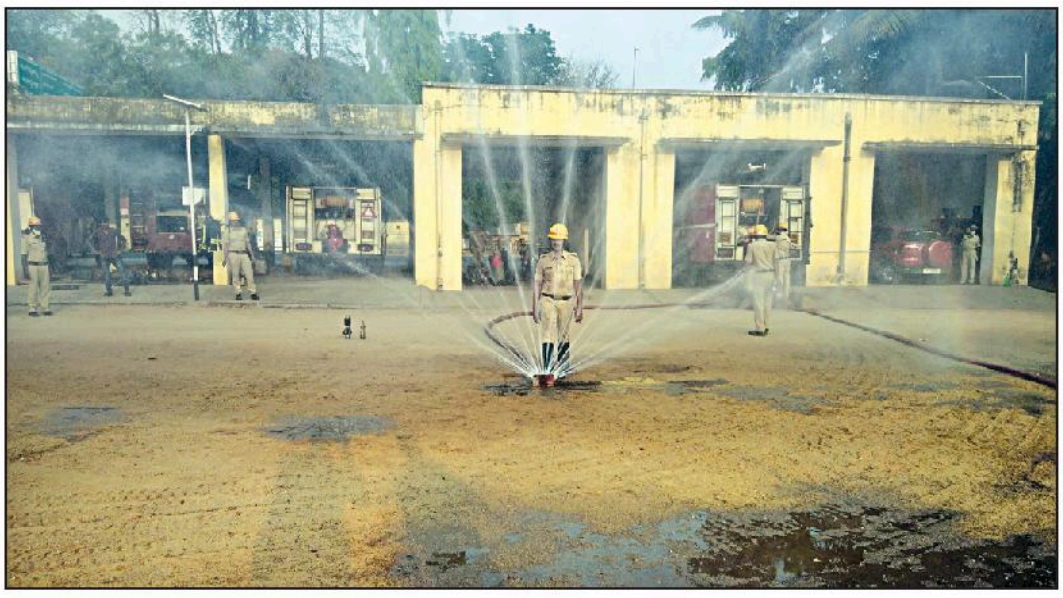
In the last three months, 300 fire mishaps have taken place in city limits. As many as 105 cases have been reported in Saraswathipuram limits, 60-70 cases in Bannimantap limits and rest in other places. Fortunately, there has been no loss of life.

He said training was being given to Forest Department staff in handling fire mishaps. The Fire Department has two vehicles, Agni and Varun to attend the fire incidents in Chamundi Hill. In case of fire in inaccessible places, the personnel wear special backpack with 20 litres capacity, rush to the spot and douse the fire. Despite creating awareness, still the fire incidents take place due to negligence of general public.

No shortage of water

Raju said they have two water tankers with 4,500 litres capacity, a truck with 7,000 litres capacity and a water boozer with 15,000 litres capacity. Waste water was used to extinguish the fire instead of drinking water.

Saraswathipuram Station has over 40 staff members who work in three shifts with 15 staff each.



D.V. Halabhavi Awardee

Mysuru, Apr. 5- Well-known artist Eshwar N. Joshi of Hubballi has been selected for D.V. Halabhavi Award for the year 2020.The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000, given by Dharwad-based Bellad Educational and Agricultural Foundation and a citation.

A native of Hubballi, Eshwar-Joshi is among the renowned painters of the State. He is well-versed in oil painting, water painting, photography, theatre arts, writing critical reviews, etc. After obtaining his Diploma in Painting from Hubballi's Vijaya Mahantesh College of Fine Arts, he obtained his Masters Degree from Dharwad's D.V. Halabhavi School of Arts. He joined the Department of Public Instruction and served as In-charge Assistant Director (Painting) of the Department and as a Subject Supervisor of Bengaluru Division.

He has organised many solo expos of his painting works and has taken part in top art exhibitions in the State and other parts of the country.

Eshwar N.Joshi

Many of his paintings can be seen at Karnataka Government Museum, Dr. M.V. Minajagi Art Gallery and a few other private galleries.

He has been conferred the Most Innovative Art Teacher Award by Moodabidri's Acharya Foundation and Dasara Special Award in recognition of his marvellous painting works.

Danappa Veerabhadrappa Halabhavi (D.V. Halabhavi) started JSS Halabhavi School of Arts at Dharwad in 1935. An Endowment Award is given in his memory to outstanding artists since 2004 and the institution was handed over to JSS Mahavidyapeetha in 2008.

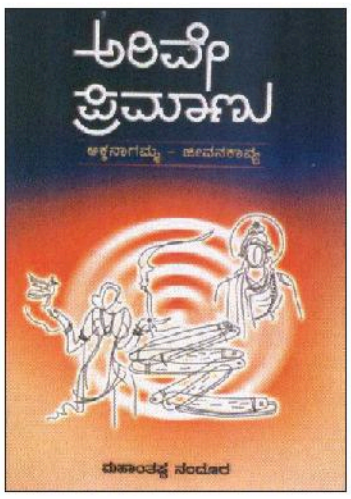
Shivarathreeshwara Book Award

Mahantappa

Mysuru, Apr. 5- Well-known writer from Kalaburagi Mahantappa Nandur has been selected for the prestigious 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Award' for the year 2019, in recognition of his work titled 'Arive Pramaanu - Akka Nagamma Jeevana Kavya.' The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

Hailing from Pattana village in Kalaburagi district, Mahantappa Nandur worked as a lecturer for some period, before joining the Railways, where he is currently serving as a senior official.

Writing has been Nandur's passion. He has many works to his credit, including prose, poetry collections, articles etc. Many of his works have been published in books, magazines, newspapers, digital media etc., His Kavya Vaachana programmes have been broadcast/ telecast in Akashavani, Doordarshan, You-Tube and other social media networks.



Among the many awards and prizes he has won, include Dr. D.S. Karki Poetry Award, Amma Award, Mohana Kuradagi Poetry Award, Betadur Foundation Award of Gulbarga University and Rajyotsava Award.

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment Award was instituted by Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji in 1986 and the award is being given every year for the best works published.

'Shreshta Kala Deepti' award conferred

Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira, Mysuru, recently celebrated its 18th Anniversary at Ganabharathi (Veene Sheshanna Bhavana). On this occasion, renowned dancer Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, who is also the Director of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), was conferred 'Shreshta Kala Deepti' award. She is seen with *(standing from left)* ***V.R. Anjana, V.R. Varsha, Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira Founder Vid. B.V. Vasanthalakshmi, Roopa, Hema and Deepa.***

Karnakuppe Gram Panchayat in Hunsur bags National Award

Office of the Karnakuppe Gram Panchayat. Picture right shows a team of Rural Development Department inspecting a village coming under Karnakuppe GP, before selecting for award.

By Hanagodu Mahesh

Hunsur, Apr. 5- Karnakuppe Gram Panchayat (GP) in Hunsur taluk has bagged Deendayal Panchayat Award for best performance for the year 2019-20. Karnakuppe is the only GP in the district which has bagged the prestigious Panchayat Award.

Karnakuppe is located on the fringes of the forests and is mostly inhabited by tribals. The Karnakuppe GP has a population of 5,315, with 1,185 families. The GP has jurisdiction over 10 villages — Karnakuppe, Vadli Manuganahalli, Kanagalu Hunaganahalli, Hemmige, Hemmige Haadi, Hemmige Colony, Devaraja Colony, Hareenahalli, Hakkemaala and Kalkada.

The GP has three Higher Primary Schools, six Lower Primary Schools and a Private High School. The disciplined and determined approach by GP Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Ramanna has helped the GP bag the National Award.

MGNREGA

The credit for the GP to get the award is mainly due to the highly successful implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The GP did a wonder by generating 24,095 Man days as against the set target of just 50. Hareenahalli and Hakkemaala set a record of sorts by achieving 100 percent target. Another feature is that villagers have set up a mini-garden around soak pits at Hakkemaala.

Lake developed

A total of four lakes — Doddakere, Siddanakattekere, Beeranakattekere and Gaanadakere — have been developed under MGNREGA. More importantly, all encroachments on water tank areas and the bund have been cleared, which has greatly helped in water conservation. Also, de-silting of lakes has been taken up with support from ITC and Outreach organisation.

Road development

A total of five roads have been developed — Hemmige to Forest border road, Kanagalu to Kanagalamma Temple Road, two roads at Huliganahalli and Hareenahalli Tank Road.

The GP has spent Rs. 27 lakh under the 14th Finance Commission, most of which has been spent for development of schools. All schools coming under the GP, have been installed with a water filter, toilets for students, a welcome arch for each school, construction of school compound, construction of drainages and decks, pipeline works etc.

During the COVID-19 crisis last year, a Village Task Force was set up in every village, which used to take stock of the situation by holding meeting twice every week — on Mondays and Thursdays.

Saraswathi GP President

Ramanna GP PDO

Papanna GP Member

As part of COVID-19 welfare measures, 15 shelterless families coming under the GP limits were distributed free Ration Kits. The adult members of these families were provided jobs under MGNREGA.

The GP also has the distinction of setting standards in solid waste disposal at village level. Volunteers in every village used to collect garbage and bring them to Karnakuppe for a centralised disposal. Such an initiative, not only helped in keeping the villages clean and tidy, but also created an awareness on a host of garbage issues.

Gram Sabhas

In another first, Karnakuppe Gram Panchayat held Gram Sabhas, Children Sabhas and Women Sabhas. Another notable feature is the conduct of social audit, which was done by a GP Committee.

Such Sabhas helped women and children raise their problems and get them addressed.

Above all, the GP staff have maintained records of all activities that have been done, which are open for public scrutiny.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the previous GP President Papanna (presently GP Member), Vice-President H.M. Kumaraswamy, PDO Ramanna and youths of Kanagalu village led by Raghavendra, the GP has been able to achieve big on the National front too.

Ramanna had served at Kattemalalawadi GP, which has a majority SC population, for 9 long years. He was transferred to Karnakuppe GP two years ago and has earned respect from the villagers for his excellent job. Ramanna, who is Mechanical Engineering Graduate, has become well-versed in maintenance of villages, just as he did with machines during his course of study.

Raghavendra, a youth leader of Karnakuppe, says that Ramanna will work even on Sundays.

Hunsur Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer H.D. Girish says that Karnakuppe GP bagging Deendayal Panchayat Award has brought joy. This has been possible due to the efforts of PDO Ramanna and his staff and all those who preceded them. The Karnakuppe GP's achievement shows that anything can be achieved through public co-operation.

Karnakuppe PDO Ramanna says that the development of all 28 lakes coming under the jurisdiction have been taken up. Pointing out that Karnakuppe has the highest number of water bodies among all GPs in the district, he said that the good number of water bodies has propelled development works, with more developmental plans coming up. People's co-operation is vital for the success of developmental works, he added.

GP Member Papanna, who is also a former GP President, said that the people of the GP were waiting for 30 years for development. Now their dreams have been realised with the execution of development works, he added.

Karnakuppe GP President Saraswathi says that she will extend full co-operation to GP PDO Ramanna for all the development works that will be launched.

Stating that she will seek the co-operation of all other GP Members, she said that development is the only way to express her indebtedness to the people who voted her.

GP Members inspecting the development works at one of the lakes coming under Karnakuppe GP limits. Picture right shows developed Siddanakattekere filled with water.

WORD OF THE DAY

Effulgent

Pronunciation: ih-fuhl-juhnt, ih-fool-.
Meaning: Shining forth brilliantly; radiant.
Origin: The adjective effulgent, "shining forth brilliantly, radiant," comes from Latin effulgēns (inflectional stem effulgent-), the present participle of effulgēre "to shine forth, blaze, flash," a compound of the prefix ef-, a variant of ex– "out, out of, forth" (also used as an intensive), and the simple verb fulgēre "to shine brightly." The Latin root fulg– is an extension (with –g) of the complicated Proto-Indo-European root bhel– bhlē-, bh– "to shine, blaze, burn." Latin fulg– also appears in fulmen (from an unrecorded fulgmen) "lightning, thunderbolt," source of English fulminate "to explode loudly, detonate." Also related is the Latin verb flagrāre "to be ablaze, burn," the source of English flagrant, now meaning "shockingly noticeable or glaring," but formerly "blazing, burning." From flagrāre Latin also derives flamma "flame" (from an unrecorded flagma). Effulgent entered English in the first half of the 18th century.
Example: She stood, while she thus spoke, under an effulgent chandelier, whose jets, wrought in the semblance of candles, dispersed from ornate metallic sconces a truly splendid glow. — Edgar Fawcett, The Adventures Of A Widow, 1884

THE ODD WORD

Eboulement

Falling in of wall of a fort; landslide.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Eat my dust

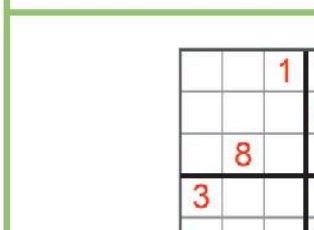
Meaning: People use the expression eat my dust when they feel confident about outperforming their opponent at something.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "eat my dust" likely comes from racing and the fact that when people run, they might kick up dirt, or dust, into the air as they go. The type of terrain matters for this; for example, people running on a concrete road probably aren't going to kick up any noticeable dirt into the air. On the other hand, people running on a dirt road might. The imagery for this expression typically involves a person running in a race. The leading racer is sprinting and dust is being kicked up behind him. The slower racers who are lagging behind end up passing through this dust and breathe it in. In effect, they are "eating" the leading racer's dust.
So... how old is this phrase? The earliest one could find it in print is from a newspaper called *The World's News,* January 1909. There's a short story from in this newspaper titled "John—Cowboy," and a couple characters from the story exchange these words: "'Can you keep up?' 'Keep up? You-all will eat my dust,' shrilled the boy, in a fever of excitement, and boastful."

QUOTE BOX

Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.— **Pablo Picasso**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: More often than not.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Powdery residue
4 Instrument Flight Rules, acronym
7 Intense mental distresses
11 Untruth
12 Depart - with engraved stamp, should we say?
13 Chooses or selects
14 Popular breakfast fare (5,3)
17 Infrequent
18 Decrepit
20 Worth or evaluation
22 Mine car
23 "Rockaria!" band
24 Pulls, hauls or tugs
27 Lao-tse's doctrine
31 Higher ranking
33 A master of ceremonies
34 Voice of America
35 Goes astray
37 Confident belief
39 Demotion to a lower competition
42 "__ 18" (Uris novel)
43 Capital of Arunachal Pradesh
46 Org.
47 Point of a pen
48 Thurman of Pulp Fiction
49 Barely managed
50 South African antelope that has a heavy head and neck
51 Daddy

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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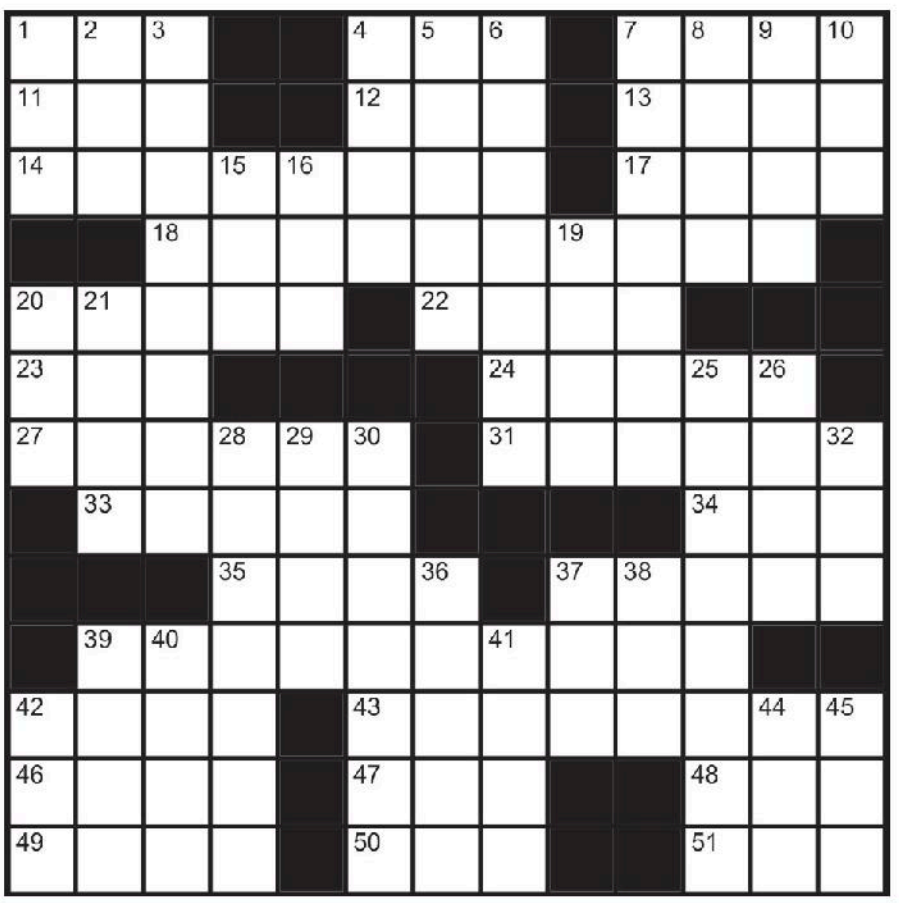
DOWN
1 Pet name for Alfred
2 Polite form of address to man
3 Family treasure
4 Ancient Roman days
5 Contend in battle
6 Thinks of or considers
7 A labourer or a wage-earner, in a way?
8 Gemstone
9 "To be" in Paris?
10 U-turn from NNW
15 Seine's contents
16 Distance Measuring Equip.
19 Worry about
20 Animal doctor, in short
21 Wings or winglike parts
25 Refraining from or ceding (6,2)
26 Chimney dirt
28 Reykjavik is its capital
29 Dry and withered
30 Flowing together
32 Cheer
36 Glossy fabric
37 Fish appendage
38 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
39 Take chances
40 Otherwise
41 Cheeni Kum star
42 Ms. West of Hollywood fame?
44 Introduction to Latin
45 The sound made by a door-knocker



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		2	9				3	
8			6	2	5			
4						6		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	2	3	8	6	9	7	5
9	5	6	2	7	4	1	8	3
3	8	7	5	1	9	6	2	4
2	9	1	8	6	3	5	4	7
4	3	5	1	9	7	2	6	8
7	6	8	4	5	2	3	1	9
8	7	3	6	2	5	4	9	1
6	1	4	9	3	8	7	5	2
5	2	9	7	4	1	8	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OGXMTF ZBC VPBC UXEC OGCK ZBC MPH

OGZM OGCK CWCB HCBC ICJPBC.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Wild Dog (Te)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Gajendrudu (Te)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Sulthan (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	11.05 am, 7.35 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm, 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.50 pm
Legacy of Lies (E)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Flight (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Biriyaani (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Nomadland (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-3)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 4.05 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.30 pm
		5.15 pm, 9 pm
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 7 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 2 pm, 9.30 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-2)	1.30 am, 4.30 pm, 8 pm
	(S-3)	6 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 4.40 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.35 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	7.45 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 1.20 pm, 3.40 pm

PVR

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357088

Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 9.10 am, 10.30 am, 11 am, 11.30 am 2 pm, 2.30 pm, 3 pm, 5.30 pm, 6 pm 6.30 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 2.45 pm
Koi Jaane Na (H)	: 12.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
Anugraheethan Antony (Ma)	: 9.50 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	: 11.20 am, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	: 3.40 pm, 10 pm
Nomadland (E)	: 6.40 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor. Mob: 9901357088

Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10.45 am, 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 3 pm, 3.15 pm 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	: 3.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	: 6.50 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	: 12.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 11.35 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Rotary Mysore Midtown wins Rotary District Cricket

Rotary Mysore Midtown won the Rotary District Cricket Tournament 2021 at Paduva Ground in Mangaluru on April 4. Rotary Midtown won the district cricket for the 3rd consecutive time. Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **Rtn. Oscar, Rtn. Balasubramanya, Rtn. Madhu Nayak, Rtn. Naveen, Rtn. Madhu, Rtn. Shashivarnan, Rtn. Jaykumar, Rtn. Shashank and Rtn. Satish Bolar;** (sitting from left) **Rtn. Rakeshbabu, Captain Rtn. Naveenchand, District Secretary Rtn. Vikram Datta, DG Rtn. Ranganath Bhat, Secretary Rtn. Aiyanna and Secretary Rtn. Veeresh. Rtn. Madhu Nayak was adjudged 'Man of the Match' for his overall performance.

Poonacha returns to winner's circle

New Delhi, Apr. 5- India's Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha scored a convincing 6-3, 7-6 win over American fourth seed Oliver Crawford in the ITF Men's $15,000 New Delhi final at the R.K. Khanna Tennis Stadium here yesterday.

The victory helped Poonacha earn India its maiden home win in Singles in the ITF World Tennis Tour series, which began in early March. With this triumph, Poonacha also ended his title drought on the ITF Men's Tour since his maiden win in Indonesia in 2018.

The 25-year-old resident of Anantpur, Poonacha got through the first set comfortably and took the lead in the match. However, Crawford, the winner of last week's $15,000 Pune event, made a strong bid to come back in the second set and take the match into the decider.

Newly-appointed Gulbarga Varsity VC felicitated

Mysore District Throwball Association felicitated Dr. Dayanand Agasar, former Chairman of Technical Committee of Throwball Federation of India and Asian Board, who has been recently appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University. He is seen with Mysore District Throwball Association Secretary N. Kashinath** (left) **and EC Member Anthony Baptist.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 5)

- **Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation, Hyderabad:** Exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha, Hotel Crystal Park Inn, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Handloom Fair, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District Jagatika Lingayata Mahasabha:** Book release — senior artist and writer L. Shivalingappa's 'Mannur Gurappa' — by ORI Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa, senior writer and retd. Professor Dr. S.T. Shylaja speaks about the book, senior artist N.B. Kaverappa presides, Parishat President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Nataraja auditorium, Shankar Mutt Road, **4.30 pm.**

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